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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document JP 04-070647, the Examiner respectfully referred to the partial English translation attached thereto.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

## CONCLUSION

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